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ALGERIAN TERRORISM IN FRANCE

- I. Coordinated terrorist attacks in France by the Algerian National Liberation Front (FLN) on 25 August hit about 20 localities, mainly petroleum installations, but including police garages in Paris.
 - A. FLN probably hopes that show of strength will encourage massive abstention of Algerians in the 28 September constitutional referendum.
 1. French government had recently publicized ^{last of} [one of] major FLN networks in France "smashed."
 - B. Also, some danger De Gaulle's popular backing may be weakened, ^e by this evidence he does not have security situation fully under control.
- II. French Ministry of Interior has set up special committee to coordinate government's anti-terrorist moves in France, and placed military guards at key industrial, transportation, and communication installations.
 - A. Paris may reimpose emergency measures (relaxed after De Gaulle came to power) permitting arrest of Algerians in France on charges of suspicion and permitting military trial in sabotage cases.

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